Regional Consultation Workshop on Women

5460. SHRI RUMANDLA RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Regional Consultation Workshop on Women was held in Bangalore on the 10th December, 2001;

(b) if so, whether the workshop has appealed to Government to steer the Tenth Five Year Plan towards a gender sensitive and people-centred plan with focus on decentralised empowerment of communities, concentrating on grassroot level participation;

(c) if so, what were the other main decisions taken in the workshop;

(d) whether Government have considered these suggestions; and

(e) if so, what are the steps being taken to implement them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN) (a) Yes, Sir. As a part of the initiative of UN interagency Working Group on Gender and Development, the World Bank had organised the Southern Regional Consultation Meet for Engendering the Tenth Five Year Plan at Bangalore on 10-11 December, 2001.

(b) and (c) The Workshop made a number of recommendations on education, health, employment and anti-poverty schemes for women as also on gender mainstreaming of governance and the convergence of services at the grassroot level.

(d) and (e) Planning Commission is using these recommendations alongwith recommendations of other Working Groups, for the preparation of the Tenth Five Year Plan.

Schools for secondary education

†5461. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:
SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.